

City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board
SAN DIEGO REGIONAL PARK IMPROVEMENT FUND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

April 21, 2011
**DRAFT
MINUTES**

“WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS”

Meeting Held at:

Balboa Park Club, Ballroom
2150 Pan American Road
San Diego, CA 92101

Mailing Address is:

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Members Present

Wilbur Smith, Chair
Bruce Brown
Rick Bussell
William Diehl
Vicki Granowitz
Norman Greene
David Kinney
Olivia Puentes-Reynolds
Michael Stepner

Members Absent

Roz King
Claudia Dunaway

City Staff Present

Stacey LoMedico
Jo-Ann Novak
Scott Reese
Deborah Sharpe
Shannon Thomas
Jim Winter

CALL TO ORDER – The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2011

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Kinney/Mr. Stepner

A motion was made by Mr. Kinney and seconded by Mr. Stepner to approve the January 20, 2011 meeting minutes with Mr. Brown and Mr. Greene abstaining. Vote was unanimously approved. (6-0-2)

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE – None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – None

Consent At this time the Board may consider adoption of one or more items on the adoption agenda as “Consent” items.

COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to three minutes and is not debatable.)

Mr. John Willett provided a status on the Otay Valley Regional Park and is in favor of action Item 101 Regional Park Improvement Fund: Funding Allocation Recommendations.

ACTION

Regional Park Improvement Fund: Funding Allocation Recommendations

Mr. Reese, Park and Recreation Department Assistant Director, provided a brief overview of the Regional Park Improvement Fund: Funding Allocation Recommendations. The four (4) projects to be funded are: 1) Old Mission Dam Preservation Project, 2) Diamond Street Stairs Repair Project, 3) Pescadero Street Stairs Repair Project and 4) the Ocean Beach Comfort Replacement Project. Funds are available in the unallocated balance of the Regional Park Improvement Fund for the Fiscal Year 2010 projects.

Board Member Comments and Questions:

- Mr. Bussell asked if the damage to the stairs was caused by usage. (Mr. Reese stated that it is caused by a drain defect, and not by over usage.)
- Mr. Brown wanted to know the process for requesting project funding and if funding can be used for a Master Plan of a Regional Park? (Mr. Reese deferred to Deputy City Attorney, Ms. Thomas for the funding process. From the Charter: “Physical asset constructed or purchased or restoration of some aspect of a physical or natural asset that will continue its useful life by one year or more which constitutes an environmental improvement of a natural asset.” Mr. Reese stated that with the Charter adoption there are a set of more specific set of rules that now apply and the Master Plan is not included.)
- Mr. Diehl wanted to know the total funding for Fiscal Year 2010? (Mr. Reese \$949,000).
- Mr. Smith was glad to see that the Ocean Beach Comfort Station cost was reduced. What precipitated the reduction? (Mr. Reese stated that the request was reduced but the project cost remains the same.)

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Bussell/Mr. Brown

A motion was made by Mr. Bussell and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve staff recommendations. Vote was unanimously approved. (9-0)

Ms. LoMedico clarified the process was late this year, so there was a rush to try to accommodate the projects that had already been approved by Council and by this Board so that we could fully fund them and complete them. The next time around (next fiscal year), as indicated by Mr. Reese, we will be going out to the advisory committees of regional parks and asking and providing them with our Department staff recommendations. As you know, Jim Winter, Project Officer II, and our Assets Management team has the unfunded “needs list”. There are a few unfunded needs projects throughout the park system and many of them are in the “hopper” for Fiscal Year 2011. The balance from Fiscal Year 2011 will transfer into Fiscal Year 2012.

Ms. Sharpe clarified for Mr. Brown that for Canyon Hills to be added to the list, it would need to be designated as a regional park.

Ms. LoMedico stated that the parks within the City Charter are eligible and have already been designated as regional parks and quoted from the Charter “and of other parks to be designated by ordinance of the City Council.” If there are potential “regional” parks that you feel are regional in

nature that are not identified in the Charter, the City Council via ordinance can change. This body is the advisory group that advises Council, as you did with Torrey Pines City Park.

Mr. Brown commented that in the Community Plan and the Facilities Building Assessment (FBA) it is (Canyon Hills) a regional park. There are at least two parts of the City that recognize it as a regional park. Mr. Brown feels that this needs to be rectified and will speak with his Council Member to get the process started. (Ms. LoMedico suggested that a discussion with the City Planning and Community Investments and Park and Recreation Department staff will verify through the Community Plan on how the park is identified. The Oversight Committee should discuss the potential intent of the usage and how that would be a unique park and work that out prior to Mr. Brown talking to his Council Member.)

Mr. Diehl wanted to know the status of the Black Mountain Ranger Station? (Mr. Reese stated that it is on the unfunded needs list.) How much funding is required since the Planning Board already gave \$250,000 and thought that was enough to complete the project? (Ms. LoMedico stated that we do not manage Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) but will request the information.)

Mr. Greene stated how happy the Board has made the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizen's Advisory Committee for funding the Old Mission Dam Preservation Project.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: To Be Determined

Submitted by,

Stacey LoMedico
Park and Recreation Director